GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Services – Revenue Department – Allegations of Corruption against Sri Kasimahanthi Ramesh Babu, Junior Assistant Office of the Tahsildar, Gajuwaka Mandal, Visakhapatnam District – Trapped on 19-02-2008 – Sanction of Prosecution – Orders – Issued.

Revenue (VIGILANCE.VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 625 Dated:23-06-2009

ORDER:

Whereas, Sri Kasimahanthi Ramesh Babu, worked Junior Assistant office of the Tahsildar, Gajuwaka Mandal, Visakhapatnam District from 01-08-2007 to 19-02-2008 and as such he is a Public Servant as defined under section 2 (c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act, 49 of 1988).

And whereas, Sri Velechenu Sudhir Kumar, S/o Viswesara Rao is working as a Naik in Indian Army and resident of H.I.G.243,A-Zone, Sujathanagar, Pendurthi Mandal, Visakhapatnam. His father-in-law died on 20-01-2008 and his widowed mother-in-law applied for legal heir certificate for her and her three daughters to the Mandal Revenue Inspector, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam through e-seva on 28-01-2008 and he met the Mandal Revenue Inspector, Sri Ch. V. Ramesh on 04-02-2008 and requested him to issue a legal heir certificate to his mother-inlaw, his wife and Sisters-in-laws, for which the Mandal Revenue Inspector Sri Ch. V. Ramesh demanded Rs. 1,000/- for him and another Rs 1,000/for the Clerk Sri K.Ramesh Babu for which he requested to reduce the bribe amount but the Mandal Revenue Inspector Sri Ch. V.Ramesh did not agree to do so. Again he met the Mandal Revenue Inspector Sri Ch. V. Ramesh and the Clerk Sri K Ramesh Bau on 18-02-2008 but they stood on to their earlier demands and finally told to come with the bribe amount Rs 2,000/- on 19-02-2008 and hand over the bribe amount Rs 1,000/- to Mandal Revenue Inspector's assistant Mr Ashok and another Rs 1,000/- to the Clerk Sri K. Ramesh Babu. As there was no there alternative, he agreed to do so.

And whereas Sri V. Sudhir Kumar was unwilling to give the bribe amount of Rs 2,000/- to the Mandal Revenue Inspector Sri V. Ramesh and the Clerk Sri K. Ramesh Babu to get the legal-heir certificate on 18-02-2008 at 20.00 hours Sri Velecheru Sudhir kumar gave a written report to the Deputy Superintendent of Police , Anti Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam who registered the same as case in Cr.No. 05/RCT-VSP/2008, under section 7 of the prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on 19-02-2008 at 11.00 hours and investigated into the same

And whereas, it is further alleged that during the course of trap on 19-02-2008 at 1350 hours when Sri Velecheru Sudhir Kumaar went to the Tahsildar Office, Gajuwaka Sri K. Ramesh Babu, Junior Assistant, Office of the Tahsildar Gajuwaka Mandal Visakhapatnam District he further demanded and accepted bribe of Rs 1,000/- from him for doing the official favour of forwarding enquiry report of the Mandal Revenue Inspector Sri Ch. V. Ramesh and delivery of Legal Heir Certificate in respect of the widowed mother-in-law of Sri V. Sudhir Kumar and her three daughters.

And whereas both hand fingers of Sri K Ramesh Babu, Junior Assistant yielded positive when subjected to chemical test. The tainted currency amount of Rs 1,000/- was recovered from the shirt left pocket of Sri K. Ramesh Babu at his instance. When the inner linings of the left pocket of the shirt of Sri K.Ramesh Babu was subjected to chemical test for the presence of phenolphthalein particles, they yielded positive result. The Deputy Superintendent of police seized the tainted amount of Rs 1,000/- material documents, evidence, etc., for the purpose of investigation.

And whereas the said acts of Sri K. Ramesh Babu, Junior Assistant, office of the Tahsildar, Gajuwaka Mandal Visakhapatnam District constitute offences punishable under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 13 readwith clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act. No 49 of 1988)

And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, being the competent authority to remove the said Sri K Ramesh Babu, Junior Assistant office of the Tahsildar, Gajuwaka Mandal, Visakhapatnam District from the Government service and after fully and carefully examining the entire material placed before them in respect of the said allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case consider that the said Sri K.. Ramesh Babu, Junior Assistant, Office of the Tahsildar Gajuwaka Mandal, Visakhapatnam District should be prosecuted in a court of law for the aforesaid offences.

Now, therefore in exercise of the power conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act 49 of 1988), sanction is hereby accorded for the Prosecution of the said Sri K. Ramesh Babu, Office of the Tahsildar, Gajuwaka Mandal, Visakhapatnam District for the aforesaid offences punishable under section 7 and sub-section (2) of section 13 readwith clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act No 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provision of law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

(ASUTOSH MISHRA)
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To The Director General Anti Corruption Bureau Hyderabad

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER